



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Awards Banquet Honored Outstanding Youth Leaders**

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The City of Santa Barbara, in association with the Santa Barbara Teen Coalitio, hosted the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Awards Banquet**, Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Carrillo Recreation Center Ballroom. Thirty-one youth nominated from agencies throughout the Santa Barbara community were honored at the event. These youth, along with 18 others recognized for community service, exemplified this year's theme, "Youth Leaders...Santa Barbara's Super Heroes." The 49 students recognized have shown extraordinary strength and power, and have overcome many challenges, excelling in academics and community service.

"This event provides an opportunity for youth agencies from all over Santa Barbara County to celebrate what teens are doing and encourage them to continue," explains Ms. Castaneda. For more information, please contact Susan Young, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor, at 897-2652.

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